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this line, with all of the people, all males, in Washington, who are to be looking after the interests of the people in this state, occupied elsewhere with other things, what could be done? I picked up the Lincoln Journal Star this morning and they did the next best thing, because they had to get a story. They talked to a guy who used to be in the Senate and didn't do his job when he was there, X marks the spot, Exon. He didn't know anything about this that was going to be put into the law to harm the citizens of Nebraska. There was a comment that Bob Kerrey made some kind of a speech but didn't mention this So the only thing you can get are comments from a former U.S. Senator from Nebraska, and guess what he's doing. He is traveling. He's in New York. Congress has paid for him to travel. But not one of them has the time or the inclination to see to the interests of this state. Senator Janssen came up with a very interesting provision in the law that may be discussed later. Now, I will have one more opportunity to speak on this bracket motion. I hope "Sheriff" Schmitt is back there. Sometimes he will give me time, because I don't Let me see. think my colleagues have the stomach today to really battle on this issue. So if I can get some additional time, I will try to keep the ball rolling so that we can see the necessity of voting for the bracket motion. But if the bracket motion does not go, I will not, in any way, be hindered or encumbered because we'll be on the bill itself and I can offer as many amendments and reconsiderations as I will need. So, to kind of recapitulate summarize what I've been trying to get across, the Legislature is embroiled in this great debate, if you want to call it that, because our rep...you-all's representatives, I didn't vote for any of them, you-all's representatives in Washington have abandoned their responsibility and left the state adrift. I'm sure not one of those five would point out Nebraska's rate of recovery in the realm of child support without some degree of pride based on what is not being done in the rest of the country. Exon, if I read the article correctly, and I had to skim it, said something about other states not doing as they should, therefore, it's necessary to do to Nebraska what is being done to Nebraska. Then he made a very, very mysterious statement, very mysterious. "As a former Governor, Exon, who retired from the Senate in 1997, said," and, by the way, I'm reading from today's <u>Lincoln Journal Star</u>. April 20, 1999, page 1-B. I like to give these facts because a